

[*English*]

Cancellation of Licences by Food and Civil Supplies Department, Delhi Administration.

6581. SHRIKESRI LAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the licences of some kerosene depots were cancelled by Delhi Administration during the Gulf war; and

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUD-DIN AHMED): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Licences of three kerosene oil depots were cancelled due to discrepancies in stocks of kerosene oil.

Shares of Public Sector Undertakings.

6582. SHRI CHINNASWAMY SRINIVASAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to sell the shares of those Public Sector Undertakings which are incurring loss for the last several years to the individuals as well as to the employees of the respective Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). In order to raise resources, encourage wider public participation and greater accountability, up to 20% of Government equity in selected Public Sector Undertakings, are proposed

to be offered to Mutual Funds, Financial institutions, general public and workers.

Ration Cards to Jhuggi Jhompril Dwellers

6583. SHRI BRAHMANAND MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the majority of the families in Jhuggi Jhompris of Udyan Marg, Gole Market, New Delhi and Rly. Kathakapul, Shahed Basti, Nabi karim, Paharganj, New Delhi have not been issued ration cards even though they have sent application forms; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUD-DIN AHMED): (a) and (b). Delhi Administration has reported that application from residents of Jhuggi Jhompris who fulfilled the criteria laid down by it were issued ration cards. Applications from persons who did not fulfil the eligibility criteria were rejected.

[*Translation*]

All India Radio Centres

6584. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of All India Radio Centres opened in the country under Local Radio Concept;

(b) whether all these centres are based on F.M. Transmitter system;

(c) whether a different type of radio setting has to be done therefor;

(d) whether a single radio can receive the broadcast of F.M. and traditional transmitter; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) and (b). Twenty Six local radio stations are at present in operation in the country. Out of these, 21 radio stations are based on Frequency Modulation (FM) Technology and remaining 5 radio stations on Amplitude Modulation (AM) Technology.

(c) Yes, Sir. A Frequency Modulation System necessary for FM transmission.

(d) A Single radio receiving set with FM/AM bands is capable of receiving transmission from both FM and traditional Transmitters.

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

Role of Public Distribution System.

6585. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the PRIME MINISTER discussed the role of public Distribution System with the State Minister for Civil Supplies and public Distribution at his recent meeting held by him with them during the last month;

(b) If so, the details of deliberations; and

(c) The steps being taken to streamline the public Distribution System as a mechanism for helping the poor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUD-DIN AHMED): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. It was generally agreed to reorient the focus of the Public Distribution System (PDS) to concentration areas inhabited by larger number of the poor like areas under Integrated Tribal Development Projects; Drought prone Area programme; Desert Development programme and Tribal Majority States. The Strategy would be to ensure an effective reach of PDS commodities to consumers in these areas, through the increase of Fair Price shop outlets, coverage of population by ration cards and strengthening of other infrastructure.

States were also requested to improve reach to the vulnerable population living in urban unorganised housing.

Meeting of Advisory Council on PDS

6586. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of Advisory Council on the Public Distribution System was held in August, 1991; and

(b) if so, the decisions taken therein and the stage of their implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUD-DIN AHMED): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. It was generally agreed to reorient the focus of the Public Distribution System (PDS) to concentrate on areas inhabited by larger numbers of poor, like areas under Integrated Tribal Development Projects; Drought Prone Areas Programmers; Desert Development Programme and Tribal Majority States. The Strategy would be to ensure an effective reach of PDS commodities to consumers in these areas, through the increase Fair Price Shop outlets, coverage of population by ration